

Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

List of follow-up actions
(position as at 7 July 2021)

Subject	Date of meeting	Follow-up action required	Administration's response
1. Promotion of sustainable fisheries development	9 February 2021 <i>(conducted by videoconferencing)</i>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following supplementary information:</p> <p>(a) since the establishment of the Sustainable Fisheries Development Fund ("SFDF") in 2014 to provide financial assistance for the fisheries industry to carry out projects which were conducive to sustainable development, whether there was an increase in (i) the number of people joining the fisheries industry and (ii) the average income of local fishermen and aquaculturists;</p> <p>(b) apart from the implementation of SFDF, whether any new policies/support measures would be introduced by the Administration or the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department ("AFCD") for promoting the sustainable development of the fisheries industry;</p> <p>(c) whether AFCD would review the operation of the Fisheries Development Loan Fund and streamline the relevant</p>	Response from the Administration awaited.

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		<p>application and vetting procedures in order to facilitate provision of financial support to projects which no longer received funding from SFDF after completion of the pilot scheme; and</p> <p>(d) whether AFCD would formulate new measures to facilitate development of recreational fisheries (e.g. whether consideration would be given to (i) amending the Marine Fish Culture Ordinance (Cap. 353) to designate water zones for conducting recreational fishing activities or (ii) adopting a separate set of regulatory requirements on mariculture rafts which had been allowed to conduct recreational fishing).</p>	
<p>2. Progress of the initiatives under the New Agriculture Policy</p>	<p>11 May 2021</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following supplementary information:</p> <p>(a) the latest progress of the consultancy study on Agricultural Priority Areas ("APAs"), commissioned in late 2018, to identify quality farmland for long-term agricultural use and the timetable for (i) completing the said consultancy study and (ii) starting the designation of farmland as APAs;</p>	<p>Response from the Administration awaited.</p>

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		<p>(b) the estimated expenditure (including the costs for land resumption and clearance, design and construction works) for the establishment of Phase 2 of the Agricultural Park; and</p> <p>(c) whether the Administration would consider establishing a new fund to provide financial assistance/loans to livestock/poultry farmers affected by Government development projects, so as to facilitate the farmers' relocation of their livestock/poultry farms.</p>	
<p>3. Implementation of the Private Columbaria Ordinance (Cap. 630) ("PCO")</p>	<p>11 May 2021</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following supplementary information:</p> <p>(a) given that the Administration had, during the scrutiny of the Private Columbaria Bill, undertaken to conduct a review of PCO in any event around three years after its enactment (please refer to paragraph 10 of the Bills Committee report (LC Paper No. CB(2)1117/16-17)), whether and when the Administration would kick start the said review;</p> <p>(b) whether the Private Columbaria Licensing Board had set any performance pledges on the processing of applications for</p>	<p>Response from the Administration awaited.</p>

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		<p>specified instruments from private columbaria and if yes, the details of the performance pledges and the specific number of days involved; and</p> <p>(c) details of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department's facilities for temporary storage of displaced ashes arising from cessation of operation of private columbaria, with respective number of temporary storage spaces available in each facility and photos showing the location of those temporary storage facilities.</p>	
<p>4. Progress update on the enhancement of the information technology systems of the Centre for Food Safety</p>	<p>8 June 2021</p>	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following supplementary information:</p> <p>(a) whether operators of online food sale business and logistics service providers providing food delivery service for online portals were required to register as food importers and/or distributors via the Food Trader Portal ("FTP") and submit health certificates/export declarations to apply for import licences via FTP before engaging in online sale of certain food products or delivery of the products sold online; and</p>	<p>The Administration's response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1231/20-21 on 25 June 2021.</p>

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		(b) a written response to the questions and issues of concern raised in the letter dated 8 June 2021 from Mr Tony TSE (LC Paper No. CB(2)1171/20-21(01)) (i.e. points 1 to 3 in the letter refer).	
5. Food import control	8 June 2021	<p>The Administration was requested to provide the following supplementary information:</p> <p>(a) whether there was an increase in the numbers of (i) food samples collected for testing at the import level under the Food Surveillance Programme ("FSP"), (ii) unsatisfactory samples detected and (iii) complaints received from members of the public on imported food products in the recent two years, as compared with the respective figures recorded in preceding years before the outbreak of the coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19") in early 2020;</p> <p>(b) the existing surveillance work on liquor products (e.g. Sake) imported from Fukushima and its four neighbouring prefectures (i.e. Ibaraki, Tochigi, Chiba and Gunma) and the results of all the tested samples of such liquor products under FSP in recent years; and</p>	<p>The Administration's response was circulated vide LC Paper No. CB(2)1231/20-21 on 25 June 2021.</p>

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